

Carolyn Mary Olsen

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Born June 9, 1937 in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Harry and Bertha Clarke, fourth of four children.

Carolyn enjoyed an adventurous youth with her brother and two sisters. Much to her embarrassment she occasionally heard her name on “Radio” from her famous father performing on KSL. Some high school years were spent in Walla Walla Washington with family. Summer adventures found her in the Jacob Lake, Arizona area falling in love with cowboys. After graduating from West High School, she briefly attended Snow College in Ephraim, Utah.

Her adventures continued when she married Garald Olsen in 1957. Living briefly in Washington state with their infant son Kim, the couple decided the Boeing Airplane Company was great but muscle car era Detroit was the place to be. Soon they were living just north of Detroit and welcoming more children. Five in all. Many years later a down turn in the economy and fortunes in Detroit, found the family in the boom town of Phoenix Arizona. After two years Carolyn and four children return to their roots and moved back to Utah.

Carolyn absolutely loved each location their adventures took them. Exploring Michigan with its lush green trees full of song birds and chattering squirrels. Water wheel powered apple cider mills amidst the colored autumn leaves. The ancient deserts of Arizona with a hundred different colors of desert sand, oranges, browns, tans, and blacks. She loved the mysterious Superstition Mountains and green saguaro cactus forests.

Carolyn read and wrote poetry, loved and taught about music. She excelled in higher education and its broad areas of learning, graduating from the University of Utah with honors. She found the perfect fit working at the “Utah Geological Survey” amongst the fascinating rocks of Utah and the handsome young geologists while managing the Core Sample Library.

Her anchor throughout life was her faith in God, and serving in a variety of Church callings. Her greatest joy was being a mother. Raising her children and relishing time with her grandchildren including the traditional "kid’s only" Christmas parties.

Carolyn is survived by her brother Henry Clarke, and her children Layne Olsen (Janis), Kolynn Olsen, and son-in-law Kelly Warren, also 11 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her two sons Kim Gary and Raymond Karl, and her daughter Karren Ann.